

LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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Mr. FRAZIER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. J. Res. 351]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 351) to establish a Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Page 4, lines 10 and 11, delete the word "centennial".

Page 4, line 11, strike out "anniversaries" and substitute "anniversary".

Page 4, line 11, strike out "events" and substitute "event".

Page 4, line 12, strike out "commemorations" and substitute "commemoration".

Page 4, line 12, strike out "are" and substitute "is".

Page 4, after line 18, insert the following:

All books, manuscripts, miscellaneous printed matter, memorabilia, relics and other materials relating to Abraham Lincoln and donated to the Commission may be deposited for permanent preservation in a national, state or local library or museum or be otherwise disposed of by the Commission in consultation with the Librarian of Congress or the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS

Amendments 1 to 5 are technical amendments.

Amendment No. 6 provides a method of disposition for books, relics, and other materials of lasting interest which have come into the possession of the Commission.

PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

The purpose of this resolution is to establish a commission to plan and coordinate the efforts of various groups in order to provide an appropriate observance of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

STATEMENT

House Joint Resolution 351 establishes a commission to prepare plans for and to coordinate the efforts of various interested groups in observing the 150th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The Commission is to include the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, as ex officio members; 6 Members of the House appointed by the Speaker; 6 Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; 12 public members appointed by the President of the United States; the Director of the National Park Service, or his representative. In preparing a program for this commemoration, the Commission is to give proper consideration to similar plans advanced by State, civic, historical or similar groups and it may designate special committees with representation from these bodies to plan and conduct specific ceremonies.

In order to minimize the cost to the Federal Government, the Commission is authorized to accept donations of money, property, or personal services. It is contemplated that it will make the maximum use of such facilities and services as may be offered to it by appropriate agencies and groups.

The Commission is to submit a report to Congress presenting its preliminary plans not later than March 1, 1958, in order that such additional legislation as may be required thereby may be enacted. This resolution authorizes the appropriation of such funds as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the resolution, including an appropriation not exceeding \$40,000, for the preparation of the preliminary report and plans.

